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Hi Jackie,

Thanks for your email and the report by Dr. Garland. The report's information on the remedy selections for other Superfund sites is a useful history as we work through the investigation and feasibility study for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site. There are a number of potential remedial alternatives that might be applied at the San Jacinto site, and we look forward to receiving the report being prepared now by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to consider the pros and cons of the potential alternatives as they may apply to the conditions in and around the San Jacinto site. By the way, the draft Corps report will be provided to anyone interested in seeing its preliminary findings while the EPA and partner agencies work through the report finalization process. The Corp's draft report is now expected in early August 2015.

The final remedy selection for the site will be contained in the Record of Decision, which will be issued by EPA with input from the State of Texas following consideration of public comments. The Record of Decision will document facts relevant to the site, analyses of the facts, and site-specific policy determinations (including the Principle Threat Waste policy you mentioned) considered for selection of the final remedial action, and how the nine Superfund remedy selection criteria were used to select the remedy. For your information, the nine selection criteria are: overall protection of human health and the environment; compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements; long-term effectiveness and permanence; reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume through treatment; short-term effectiveness; implementability; cost; state/support agency acceptance; and community acceptance.

Again, thanks for your comments as well as Dr. Garland's study.

Regards,

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Good morning,

As members of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Community Advisory Committee, I feel it is important that we understand how the EPA has treated similar sites across the nation. Earlier this year, the San Jacinto River Coalition contracted Dr. Kathleen Garland to review Superfund sites with similar contamination and location characteristics as the Waste Pits. Dr. Garland is a Geologist and Lecturer of Environmental Management at the University of Houston Clear Lake (UHCL). Dr. Garland had extensive experience in industry, government, and consulting before joining the faculty at UHCL.

Out of hundreds of Superfund Sites, she found 7 with similar characteristics to the Waste Pits-one of which is also in Region 6. Dr. Garland observed that at all 7 sites, the remedy selected required removal of sediment with the highest concentration of contaminants. She highlighted that leaving the contaminated sediment in situ would *not* have met the EPA's policies in the National Contingency Plan for management of principal threat waste. It should also be noted that at most of the 7 sites studied, the EPA took control of the site. Attached you will find Dr. Garland's executive summary and full report.

The residents and environment in Harris County should be treated no differently than anywhere else in the US.

Thank you,

Jackie Young
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